

NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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For (title): ROPE AND WEBBING PROTECTOR

1. Type of Application

- ☒ Utility
☐ Design

2. Small Entity

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

3. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) Under 35 U.S.C. §120

This application is a:

- ☐ Divisional
☐ Continuation
☐ Continuing Patent Application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d)
☒ Continuation-in-part (CIP),

and hereby claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 to the following applications:

SERIAL NUMBER	FILING DATE
10/226,720	August 23, 2002
10/326,530	December 19, 2002

4. Benefit of Non-U.S. Application Under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d)

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) to the following foreign application(s) and/or inventor certificate(s):

COUNTRY	APPLN. NUMBER	FILING DATE
None		

Certified copy(ies) of the application(s) and/or inventor certificate's from which priority is claimed:

- ☐ is(are) attached;
☒ will follow.

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5. **Benefit of Provisional Application Under 35 U.S.C. §119(e)**

This application claims priority to the following provisional application(s):

SERIAL NUMBER	FILING DATE
None	

6. **Papers Enclosed Which Are Required For Filing Date Under 37 C.F.R. §1.53**

15 Pages of Specification, including claims and abstract

6 Sheets of Drawing

7. **Additional Papers Enclosed**

- ☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (37 CFR 1.98), Form PTO-1449 and a copy of each cited reference
- ☐ Assignment and Form PTO-1595
- ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
- ☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing" computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences.
- ☐ Other _____

8. **Application Filing Fee Calculation**

A. ☒ Utility Application

FEE CALCULATION:

Total Claims: 26 - 20 = 6 × \$18 = \$ 108.00

Independent Claims: 4 - 3 = 1 × \$86 = \$86.00

Basic Fee: \$770.00

Multiple-Dependent-Claim Fee : \$194.00

Total of the Above Calculations: \$964.00

- ☐ Amendment canceling extra claims enclosed.
- ☐ Amendment deleting multiple dependencies enclosed.
- ☐ Fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time.

B. ☐ Design application - \$320 \$

Application Filing Fee Sub-Total \$

C. ☒ Less 50% reduction for small entity \$385.00

D. ☐ Non-English Specification - \$130 \$

TOTAL FILING FEE \$ 482.00

9. **Payment**

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	Title	ROPE AND WEBBING PROTECTOR	
	Atty Docket Number		7374

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

3/15/2004
Date


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